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Practitioners.

117. *Advocates*.—The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was 69 (63). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 2,059 (1,990).

Receipts and
Charges.

118. *Pleaders*.—The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,996 (1,775) and the number of newly enrolled pleaders was 221 $\frac{1}{2}$ (210) and 7 (14) were enrolled as Advocates.

119. The total receipts and charges of the civil courts (including the High Court) during the year and in the previous year were :—

Year	Receipts	Charges	Savings	Loss
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.		Rs. nP.
1958-59	86,86,243-74	68,11,066-77	...	21,76,823-06
1959-60	48,64,266-71	59,38,840-63	...	16,94,074-92

(vi) Criminal Justice

High Court.

120. The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

Appeals.

121. Four hundred and sixty (373) criminal appeals were instituted during the year.

Institutions.

122. There was a total of 1,154 cases involving 2,208 persons (including 694 appeals involving 1,245 persons of previous year) for disposal during the year. Of these, 498 appeals involving 851 persons (280 appeals involving 351 persons) were disposed of, leaving 656 appeals involving 1,357 persons (694 appeals involving 1,245 persons) pending at the end of the year. Out of the appeals disposed of, in 313 involving 538 persons, the conviction and sentences were confirmed, in 55 involving 122 persons, the sentences were reduced or altered, in 121 involving 178 persons, the sentences were reversed, in 7 involving 11 persons, *de novo* trial or further enquiry was ordered and 2 involving 2 persons were otherwise disposed of. Ninety-four appeals out of the 294 appeals against the orders of acquittal, were disposed of, leaving 200 (162) pending at the end of the year. In 84 cases the orders of the lower courts were upheld and in 5 cases the orders were reversed and the accused convicted and in 5 cases *de novo* trial or further enquiry was ordered.

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123. The average duration of 498 appeals disposed of was 629.7 (484.6) days. The increase in the average duration was due to the disposal of old appeals.

124. Out of a total of 40 (35) references involving 60(44) persons (including 17 references involving 19 persons of the previous year) for disposal under Section 374, Cr.P.C. in 3 cases involving 3 persons the accused were acquitted and set at liberty, in 7 cases involving 14 persons the convictions were confirmed but the sentences of death were confirmed. Twenty-six (17) references involving 39 (19) persons (17 references involving 19 persons) were left pending at the end of the year.

Average
duration.
Referred
Cases.

125. In one reference under Section 307, Cr. P. C. involving 2 persons received during the year, the accused were held guilty and were sentenced to imprisonment.

126. Out of 2 references under Section 269(4), Cr.P.C. involving 2 persons, in one reference the Sessions Judge was permitted to try the case without the aid of the jury and the other was rejected and the Sessions Judge was directed to dispose of the case expeditiously.

127. The 3 miscellaneous appeals which were pending from the previous year were disposed of.

Miscellaneous
Appeals.

128. The number of copies of judgments and orders of the lower courts received in the High Court was 1,161 (900) and they were scrutinised and action taken where necessary.

Revision.

129. A total number of 100 revision cases, involving 260 persons, including the 27 cases involving 80 persons, was referred to the High Court by the Sessions Judges and the District Magistrates or taken by the High Court *suo motu* in revision. Of these 66 (124) cases involving 146 (261) persons were disposed of, leaving 34 cases involving 114 persons pending at the end of the year.

130. A total of 632 (634) petitions involving 1,162 (1,188) persons (including 104 petitions involving 219 persons of the previous year, came up for disposal and of these 489 petitions involving 947 persons were disposed of, leaving 143 (104) petitions involving 215 (219) persons pending at the end of the year.

Revision
Petition

131. There were in all 647 (including 39 petitions of the previous year) petitions for disposal. Of these, 621 (741)

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petitions were disposed of, leaving 26 (39) petitions pending at the end of the year.

**Cases under
Contempt of
Courts Act.**

132. A total of 15 cases involving 50 persons (including 7 cases involving 23 persons of the previous year) was received for disposal, and 8 cases involving 20 persons were disposed of, leaving 7 cases involving 30 persons pending at the end of the year.

**Writ
Petitions.
(Criminal).**

133. The one petition involving 2 persons pending from the previous year was disposed of.

134. *Courts subordinate to the High Court.*—The number of Judges and Magistrates exercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 168 (165).

135. On the recommendation of the High Court sanction was accorded to the introduction of the scheme of the separation of the judiciary from the executive in Coorg District from December 1959. The essential feature of the step was the transfer of the functions which were essentially judicial from the Deputy Commissioner and Magistrates subordinate to him, to judicial officers who would not be under the control of the Deputy Commissioner.

**Offences
Reported.**

136. The total number of offences reported during the year was 2,56,423 (2,56,374) and the number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts (excluding 3,745 persons for trial before the Courts of Sessions), the cases in respect of 3,07,710 were disposed of (3,08,615), and 2,26,273 (2,34,453) persons were convicted and 62,590 (61,833) persons were either acquitted or discharged.

**Magisterial
work.**

137. Out of 2,88,510 (2,84,909 regular cases for disposal), including cases of previous year (other than those relating to inquiries under Chapter VIII of the Cr. P. C.) 2,56,797 were disposed of leaving 31,713 cases pending at the end of the year.

**Miscellaneous
Cases.**

138. Of the total number of 10,874 (9,454) miscellaneous cases inclusive of 2,235 cases of previous year, 8,250 (7,295) cases were disposed of. The number of cases disposed of in the Courts of the Sessions Judges was 505 and 7,745 cases were disposed of in the courts of the Magistrates.

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Offenders.Sessions
Work.

139. Out of the total number of juvenile offenders brought before the courts of Sessions and of the Magistrates, the number convicted was 2,673 (1,999), and among them 882 (453) were dealt with under the provisions of Section 562, Cr. P.C., 1,249 (890) were fined and 542 (656) were imprisoned.

140. Out of a total of 1,161 cases involving 3,745 persons inclusive of 369 cases involving 1,304 persons of the previous year, (946 cases involving 3,019 persons) for disposal, 14 cases involving 44 persons were transferred and 773 cases involving 2, 433 persons (577 cases involving 1,715 persons) were disposed of, leaving 369 cases involving 1,268 persons (369 cases involving 1,304 persons) pending at the end of the year.

141. The institution of sessions cases was the largest *viz.*, 138 (119) in Belgaum District and the lowest *viz.*, 5(4) in the Sessions Court, Civil Station, Bangalore. The disposal was the largest *viz.*, 129 in Bijapur District and the lowest *viz.*, 4 in the Sessions Court, Civil Station, Bangalore.

142. The average duration of sessions cases disposed of was 169.7 (127.8) days.

143. The Chief Justice conducted a systematic and intensive inspection of the subordinate Civil and Criminal Courts in the State. As in the previous years surprise inspections of some of the courts were also made. Necessary steps were taken and instructions issued for setting right, omissions and irregularities that were noticed during the course of the inspections.
